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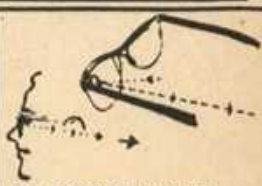

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HOW DO YOU LIKE MY GIFT FOR SUPERMAN, LOIS? THESE DUMMIES ARE WEARING THE NEW, INDESTRUCTIBLE COSTUMES I DESIGNED AND HAD MADE UP FOR HIM! I'LL BET THEY'LL MAKE SUPERMAN SIT UP AND TAKE NOTICE OF ME!
HAVE YOU EVER DREAMED YOU HAD AN ALL-POWERFUL GENIE AT YOUR BECK AND CALL... READY TO GRANT YOUR EVERY WISH? WELL, THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS TO LOIS LANE AND LANA LANG! YES, IT'S ALL A GLORIOUS DREAM COME TRUE... UNTIL THEY LEARN OF THE FANTASTIC FATE IN STORE FOR THEM AT THE MAGICAL HANDS OF —
The DEMON in the bottle!
FORGET THE SKUNK BIT, LOIS! IT'S THIS DEMON IN THE BOTTLE THAT YOU HAVE TO WATCH OUT FOR!
YIKES!.. SUPERMAN WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO RESIST A GAL WHO CAN WHIP UP A PRESENT LIKE THAT!... BUT HOW ON EARTH WAS LANA ABLE TO GET HER HANDS ON THAT SUPER-WARDROBE? LOIS, BABY, THERE'S A SKUNK IN THE WOODPILE, SOMEWHERE!
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ONE DAY, AS REPORTER LOIS LANE AND TV NEWSCASTER LANA LANG GO SURFING...
EVEN AQUAMAN WOULD HAVE A HARD TIME COMING UP WITH A BIGGER THRILL THAN SKIMMING UNDER THE CURL OF THIS HUGE WAVE!
"RIDING THE PIPE" IS WHAT THE SURFERS CALL IT!
LATER, AS THEY BEGIN ANOTHER DAREDEVIL RIDE...
LOOK, LANA. A FLOATING BOTTLE! MAYBE THERE'S A MESSAGE INSIDE!
I SAW IT, TOO, LOIS! SO REMEMBER, I GET A SHARE OF WHATEVER IT CONTAINS!
FAT CHANCE! IT MIGHT BE A NOTE FROM A MAROONED CASTAWAY! IF THERE'S A SCOOP IN THIS DEAL, IT'S GOING TO BE A LOIS LANE EXCLUSIVE!
BUT AN ASTONISHING MOMENT LATER...
HELP! LET ME OUT OF HERE!
ULP! A TINY MAN SEALED INSIDE THAT BOTTLE! WHAT KIND OF PIPE DREAM IS THIS? MAYBE I'VE HAD TOO MUCH SUN!
PLEASE... I AM VITAR, THE WIZARD OF THE BOTTLE! FREE ME AND I'LL GRANT YOUR EVERY WISH!
IS THIS AN HALLUCINATION? I CAN HEAR THAT LITTLE FELLOW AS CLEAR AS A BELL!
JUST THEN...
LOIS! FIND ANYTHING VALUABLE? REMEMBER, HALF OF IT IS MINE!
IF THIS BOTTLE BABY ISN'T AN AD FOR A NEW LIQUID DETERGENT, THEN HE'S THE STORY OF THE YEAR! I MUST KEEP LANA IN THE DARK!
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NIX, LANA! IT'S EMPTY... PROBABLY TOSSED AWAY BY SOME PICNICKING JITTERBUGS! I'LL PUT IT ON THIS ROCKY REEF SO IT WON'T BREAK AND CUT SOME SWIMMER!
HA, HA! WHAT LANA DOESN'T KNOW WON'T HURT HER! BUT IF SHE EVER LEARNS HOW I DOUBLE-CROSSED HER, SHE'LL SIZZLE LIKE A FISH-FRY!
LATER, LOIS RETURNS IN A RENTED BOAT...
JUST IN TIME... IN ANOTHER MINUTE, THE RISING TIDE WOULD HAVE WASHED IT AWAY...
HE'S STILL IN THERE! THEN I WASN'T DREAMING! THAT LITTLE CHARACTER IS FOR REAL!
THANK THE FATES YOU CAME BACK!... A RIVAL SORCERER SEALED ME IN HERE CENTURIES AGO. RELEASE ME, AND I WILL GRANT YOU ANYTHING!
IF YOU'RE A WIZARD, WHY DON'T YOU JUST CONJURE YOUR WAY OUT?
THE SPELL IS TOO STRONG... BUT I WILL PROVE MY POWERS!...
YOU ARE... LOIS LANE, A SCRIBE... AND YOU LOVE A MIGHTY BEING CALLED SUPERMAN!
AMAZING! HE KNOWS ALL ABOUT ME!
NOW RELEASE ME AND I'LL FULFILL YOUR SLIGHTEST WISH!
DON'T CON ME! THE MINUTE I BREAK THE SEAL, YOU'LL FORGET YOUR PROMISE AND FLY THE COOP!
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BUT IN THE NEXT SPLIT SECOND...
FREE AT LAST! NOW I CAN ASSUME MY REAL PROPORTIONS!
;GASP!; NOW DON'T GET SORE! I WAS ONLY JOKING! I WOULD HAVE LET YOU OUT IN A MINUTE, ANYWAY!
POWFF!

WIZARD-SHMIZARD! I'LL BET THIS IS SOME KIND OF GAG!
YOU JEST AT MY MAGIC, EH?... REMEMBER MY BOTTLE-PRISON, WHICH YOU JUST BROKE?
WATCH!

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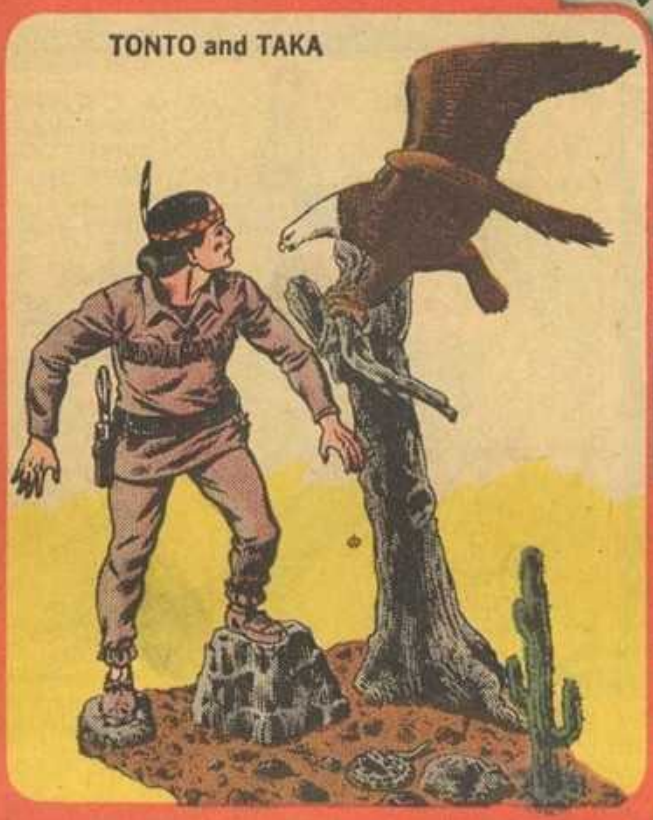

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THE SHATTERED FRAGMENTS OF THE BOTTLE... KEEP YOUR EYE ON THEM!
BIG DEAL! WHO NEEDS A PILE OF BROKEN GLASS?
DID YOU SAY BROKEN GLASS?
GOOD GRIEF! THE BOTTLE'S IN ONE PIECE AGAIN!
A TRIFLING EXAMPLE OF MY WIZARDRY!
WHUFF!
NOW... MAKE ANY WISH!
OKAY! SUPERMAN WILL BE AT THE HOLLYWOOD PRESS CLUB DANCE TONIGHT! I WANT TO OUTSHINE EVERY GLAMOROUS STAR AND STARLET THERE... AND REALLY DAZZLE THE GUY!
ALL RIGHT, VITAR, MAKE WITH THE GENIE BIT!
I HEAR AND OBEY, LOIS. YOUR WISH IS GRANTED! GOOD-BYE FOR NOW!
THE NEXT EVENING, AT THE BIG AFFAIR...
SUPERMAN, CAN I HAVE YOUR AUTOGRAPH?
PLEASE STEP ASIDE! HE PROMISED ME THE NEXT DANCE!
LET ME THROUGH! I MUST KISS THAT GORGEOUS SPECIMEN OF SUPER-MANHOOD!
SIMMER DOWN, GIRLS! LET'S NOT LOSE OUR HEADS!
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AS LOIS ENTERS...
BELLE OF THE BALL? THAT'S A LAUGH! WITH ALL THOSE GORGEOUS MOVIE QUEENS AND MODELS CROWDED AROUND SUPERMAN, I MIGHT AS WELL BE INVISIBLE!
BUT IN THE NEXT INSTANT...
EXCUSE ME, GIRLS! SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT HAS JUST WALKED IN!
IT'S HAPPENING.. JUST AS VITAR PROMISED IT WOULD!
AND SO LOIS' GLORIOUS EVENING BEGINS...
BUT, SUPERMAN, YOU PROMISED ME THIS WALTZ!
SORRY! I'M GIVING ALL MY DANCES TO LOIS!
CINDERELLA MUST HAVE FELT LIKE THIS!
SUPERMAN! YOU SAID YOU WOULD HAVE YOUR PICTURE TAKEN WITH ME!
SOME OTHER TIME, ELKE!
IMAGINE SUPERMAN BRUSHING OFF ELKE LISI, THE FAMOUS MOVIE QUEEN, FOR LITTLE ME!
MEANWHILE, LOIS' FRIENDLY RIVAL FOR SUPERMAN, LANA LANG, WATCHES A TELECAST OF THE BALL...
WHAT IS THIS? A NEWS BULLETIN EARLIER SAID SUPERMAN WAS LEAVING ON A MISSION... BUT THERE HE IS, HOVERING AROUND LOIS LIKE A CAT NEAR A PITCHER OF CREAM!
DID I SAY CAT? HE'S MORE LIKE A SMITTEN KITTEN... BUT SUPERMAN ALWAYS ACTED HARD TO GET. SOMETHING FISHY'S GOING ON, LANA, BABY!

NEXT DAY, LOIS VISITS THE REEF...
LOIS! IT IS GOOD TO SEE YOU. SINCE YOU RELEASED ME AND BROKE THE SPELL, I CAN EMERGE WHENEVER I PLEASE!
BUT, VITAR, WHY LIVE THERE AT ALL?
AFTER SO MANY YEARS IN THE BOTTLE, IT HAS BECOME LIKE HOME TO ME.
POWWFF!
OH, VITAR... I HAD A WONDERFUL TIME AT THE BALL! HOW CAN I THANK YOU?
AS A WIZARD, I CAN HAVE ANYTHING I DESIRE, BUT WHAT I WANT MOST IS A KISS FROM YOU!
OKAY! IT'S MY TURN TO GRANT YOUR WISH!
HMM... COULD THIS HANDSOME GENIE HAVE A CRUSH ON ME? I'D BETTER NOT ENCOURAGE HIM! I'LL PLAY IT COOL... WITH THE "SISTER ACT."
A KISS ON THE CHEEK? I HOPED YOU WOULD CARE ENOUGH TO KISS ME ON THE LIPS!
BUT I DO CARE FOR YOU, VITAR... YOU'RE LIKE A BIG BROTHER TO ME!
PERHAPS YOUR FEELINGS WILL CHANGE SOMEDAY, WHEN WE KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER. NOW, WHAT IS YOUR NEXT WISH?
I'LL THINK IT OVER AND LET YOU KNOW, VITAR!
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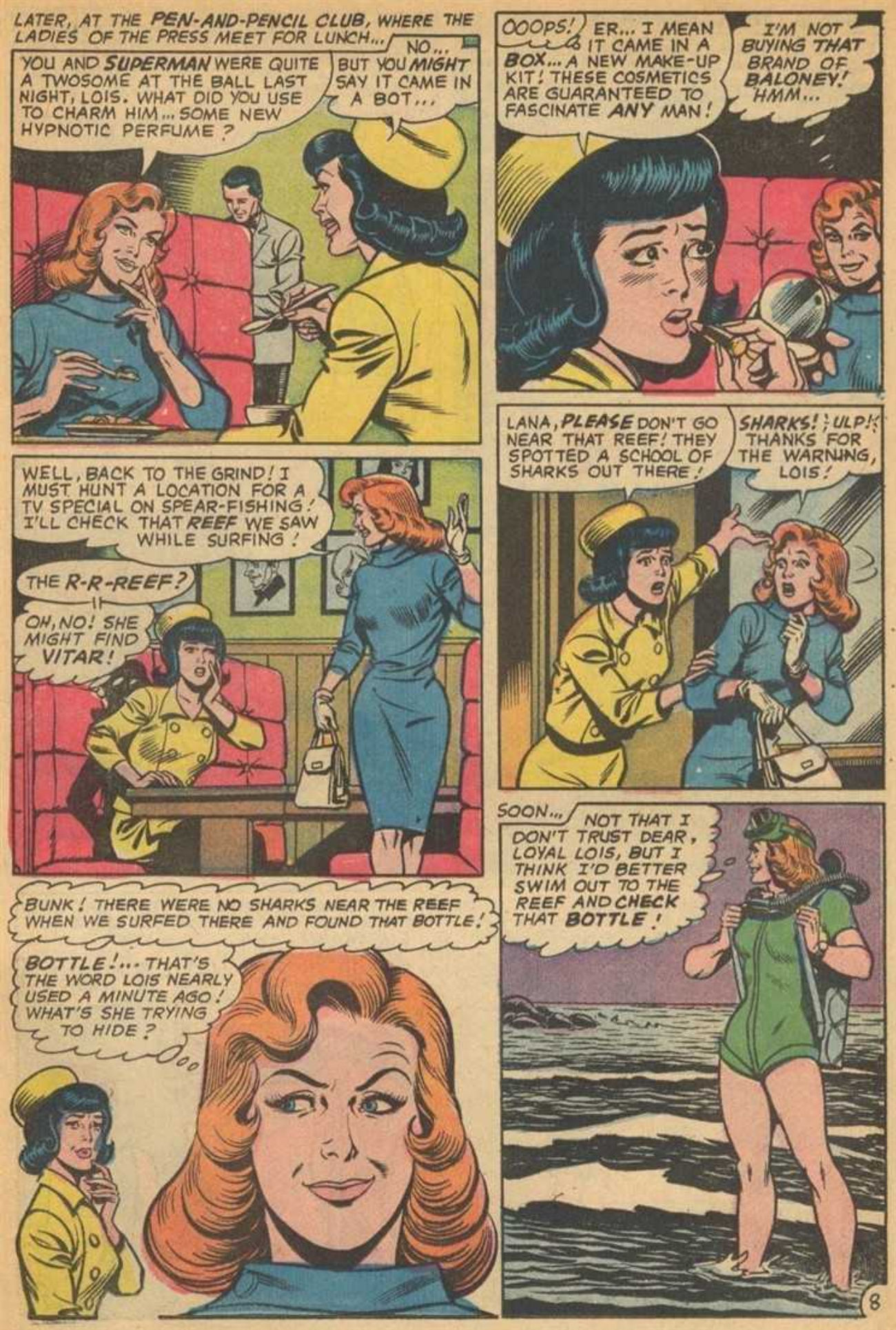
LATER, AT THE PEN-AND-PENCIL CLUB, WHERE THE LADIES OF THE PRESS MEET FOR LUNCH...
YOU AND SUPERMAN WERE QUITE A TWOSOME AT THE BALL LAST NIGHT, LOIS. WHAT DID YOU USE TO CHARM HIM... SOME NEW HYPNOTIC PERFUME?
NO... BUT YOU MIGHT SAY IT CAME IN A BOT...
OOOPS! ER... I MEAN IT CAME IN A BOX... A NEW MAKE-UP KIT! THESE COSMETICS ARE GUARANTEED TO FASCINATE ANY MAN!
I'M NOT BUYING THAT BRAND OF BALONEY! HMM...
WELL, BACK TO THE GRIND! I MUST HUNT A LOCATION FOR A TV SPECIAL ON SPEAR-FISHING! I'LL CHECK THAT REEF WE SAW WHILE SURFING!
THE R-R-REEF?
OH, NO! SHE MIGHT FIND VITAR!
LANA, PLEASE DON'T GO NEAR THAT REEF! THEY SPOTTED A SCHOOL OF SHARKS OUT THERE!
SHARKS! ULP! THANKS FOR THE WARNING, LOIS!
BUNK! THERE WERE NO SHARKS NEAR THE REEF WHEN WE SURFED THERE AND FOUND THAT BOTTLE!
BOTTLE!... THAT'S THE WORD LOIS NEARLY USED A MINUTE AGO! WHAT'S SHE TRYING TO HIDE?
SOON...
NOT THAT I DON'T TRUST DEAR, LOYAL LOIS, BUT I THINK I'D BETTER SWIM OUT TO THE REEF AND CHECK THAT BOTTLE!
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MOMENTS LATER...
SHADE OF SCHEHERAZADE! THERE IT IS NOW!... WITH A TINY MAN INSIDE!
OH-OH! AN UNEXPECTED VISITOR! IT IS LOIS' FRIEND, LANA LANG! I COULD ESCAPE FROM THE BOTTLE, BUT I'LL PLAY IT SAFE WITH THE USUAL ROUTINE!
HELP! I AM VITAR, A DEMON, TRAPPED IN THIS BOTTLE BY A SPELL. RELEASE ME AND I WILL GRANT YOU ANY WISH!
GASP!! A REAL GENIE IN THE BOTTLE! DID YOU MAKE SUPERMAN FLIP OVER LOIS?
YES! SHE ASKED ME TO USE MY MAGIC TO MAKE HER ATTRACTIVE TO SUPERMAN! FREE ME, AND I WILL DO THE SAME FOR YOU!
IT'S A DEAL, LITTLE MAN!
LANA TRUSTS ME MORE THAN LOIS DID. SHE QUICKLY LET ME OUT OF THE BOTTLE!
SO LOIS WANTED TO BE THE APPLE OF SUPERMAN'S EYE, EH? WELL, I'M GOING TO TOP LOIS BY TRYING ANOTHER ANGLE!
WHAT IS YOUR WISH, MY LOVELY ONE?
TO PARAPHRASE OUR LATE PRESIDENT, ASK NOT WHAT SUPERMAN CAN DO FOR YOU... ASK WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR SUPERMAN! I'LL ATTRACT HIM BY GIVING HIM SOMETHING HE NEEDS!
BUT WHAT DOES SUPERMAN NEED THAT HE DOES NOT ALREADY HAVE?
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WAIT! I KNOW JUST WHAT TO GIVE SUPERMAN! NO ONE'S EVER THOUGHT OF IT BEFORE. BUT I'LL NEED YOUR HELP!
JUST TELL ME WHAT YOU WISH!
QUICKLY, LANA EXPLAINS. THEN...
VERY SIMPLE! SUPERMAN IS DEDICATING THE NEW METROPOLIS AIRPORT TOMORROW. I WILL BRING YOUR GIFT FOR HIM THERE!
NOW! THEN EVERY-ONE CAN SEE HOW MUCH I CARE FOR HIM! THANKS, VITAR!
NEXT DAY, AT THE AIRPORT...
...AND THOUGH SUPERMAN HAD AN IMPORTANT MISSION, HE POSTPONED IT FOR THIS CEREMONY... NOW HE WILL USE HIS HEAT VISION TO CUT THE RIBBON ACROSS THE RUNWAY!
WHERE IS VITAR? HE WAS SUPPOSED TO MEET ME HERE!
AS THE MAN OF MIGHT IS ABOUT TO LEAVE...
SUPERMAN, DON'T GO YET! I PLANNED A GIFT FOR YOU, BUT...
POOR LANA! STILL TRYING TO GET SUPERMAN'S ATTENTION!
WHERE IS THAT DEMON? THIS IS SO EMBARRASSING!
BUT JUST THEN...
LOOK THERE! THOSE HANGAR DOORS ARE OPENING, AND... GREAT MOONS OF KRYPTON!
HOORAY! VITAR'S MAGIC IS FOR REAL! THAT BOTTLE BOY CAME ACROSS!
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THE LAST NUMBER IS FOR EVENINGS ON THE TOWN.
WITH ME, I HOPE!
SUPERMAN, THIS COSTUME PARTY IS ABSURD! THOSE OUTFITS ARE USELESS UNLESS THEY'RE INDESTRUCTIBLE!
YOU'RE RIGHT, LOIS! I'LL TEST THEM!
MOMENTS LATER, AS LOIS LOOKS ON JEALOUSLY...
WELL, I'LL BE A KRYPTONIAN BABOOTCH! THIS OUTFIT RESISTS THE SEARING FLAMES OF A JET-ENGINE EXHAUST!
WHOOSH!
THEN... AND THIS OXYGEN HELMET EASILY WITHSTANDS THE IMPACT OF MY SUPER-FIST!
BONG!
NEXT... TERRIFIC! THESE SUPER-BOOTS CAN SHATTER A WHIRLING AIRPLANE PROPELLER LIKE GLASS!
PRR-R-R-R-R-R-R-R
I'LL REPAIR THE PROP LATER!
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NOW FOR AN ELASTICITY TEST!
SPINNING SATELLITES! THIS CAPE COVERS THE AIRFIELD LIKE A TENT! LANA'S GIVEN ME THE MOST ORIGINAL GIFT I EVER RECEIVED!
LANA, YOU'RE THE GREATEST!
MMM! A SUPER-SMOOCH, WITH THE WHOLE WORLD LOOKING ON! LOIS MUST BE DOING A FAST BURN. HA, HA!
AS SUPERMAN LEAVES...
ALL RIGHT, MISS SMART-ALEC! WHERE'D YOU GET ALL THOSE SUPER-COSTUMES?
COME NOW, LOIS! DOES U.N.C.L.E SHARE SECRETS WITH THRUSH? ALL'S FAIR IN LOVE AND WAR, YOU KNOW!
THAT EVENING, LANA VISITS THE REEF...
IT WORKED, VITAR! MY GIFTS THRILLED SUPERMAN! HOW CAN I THANK YOU?
I'LL SETTLE FOR THE SAME REWARD SUPERMAN GAVE YOU, LANA!
I'M SO GRATEFUL! MMMM!
SHE'S KISSING ME ON THE LIPS, BUT ONLY BECAUSE OF GRATITUDE. SO IT'S NO BETTER THAN LOIS' SISTERLY PECK ON THE CHEEK.

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Dear Editor: Superman's formal get-up in LOIS LANE No. 73 really swings. This brings up the crying need the Man of Steel has for alternate suits. The colorful red-and-blue garb is fine for fighting crime, but it always looks like he is showing off when he wears it to some night club or theater. Naturally, he should have a tuxedo for formal occasions, and the sash with his insignia adds just the right touch of color. Also, Superman could use a bathing suit. To keep from looking pale and pasty, he must spend some time on a beach on a planet with a red sun; he could easily build a rocket to take him there. And a bathing suit would look more appropriate at a beach party than his admittedly waterproof costume.

—Rick Wood, Riverside, Calif.

(How do you like the new outfits Lana gives the Man of Might in this ish, Rick?—Ed.)

Dear Editor: Why don't you tell Lois to get another job? I'm tired of seeing her at the Daily Planet. Why can't she work at an airport or something for a change?

—Victoria Hirschland, Wilson, Wyo.

(Because being a reporter gives Lois a chance to go to so many different places and do so many different things—all in pursuit of a scoop. How else could she tangle with mobsters, get involved in weird scientific experiments—and even go to prison? All these things happen in the next LOIS LANE 80 PAGE GIANT, featuring Lois' top SHOCKERS! It's on sale June 29. And if you think we're printing this letter because it permits us to slip in a plug for this GIANT, you're right!—Ed.)

Dear Editor: In "Superman's Unbeatable Rival," you have Hero saying, "I have powers you can't possibly match." But since Superman also has super-speed, and Hero had the same powers as the Flash, Superman could match his powers.

—Joe Maxsween, Syracuse, N.Y.

(Not entirely. Flash has complete control over every molecule of his body. This enables him to do some things Superman can't match—vibrating through solid walls without damaging them, for instance.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: When are you going to end Superman's absurd, 29-year bachelorhood? It's become so idiotic it will soon be laughed at more than Little Orphan Annie's eternal youth. You say that a marriage will ruin the suspense. I say you've ruined it yourself by making it obvious that Superman and Lois will never marry. Can't you see that you'll *gain*, not lose readers, with the most publicized, spectacular wedding comicdom has ever produced? And you could change the worn-out storyline in LOIS LANE to "the trials and tribulations of keeping her marriage together." If I were you, I'd be proud to have this happen in my administration as editor. Please reconsider for the 1,290,758th time!

—Martin Walsh, Holden, Mass.

(Instead of answering you ourselves, we'll turn the rostrom over to Charles Redick.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: Quite often readers complain because, issue after issue, the Man of Steel fails to wed. Personally, I'm glad. I have an awful feeling that when the time comes, he will marry Lois. If he does, you'll have a lot of Lana fans on your back (including me). Please keep Superman single, at least until Lana gets her own mag!

—Charles Redick, Venice, Calif.

(There'll be no wedding in the immediate future. For a comic mag super-hero, it isn't simply a case of popping the question to the lady and maybe asking her father for her hand. He has to ask the editor and publishers, too. In some ways we ordinary mortals have it easier than Superman.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: In the May issue, when a ship was reported being fifty miles to the east of another, shouldn't it have been given in knots, or nautical miles, instead?

—Kenneth Windes, Hastings, Mich.

(Are you saying "knots" to us for "knot" having thought of giving the distance in knots?—Ed.)

Dear Editor: I have just finished reading "Lois Lane's Fairy Godmother." At first I was going to write you saying that I was tired of you giving us more and more magical characters, and that Mr. Mxyzptlk and Miss Gzptlsnz were enough. Was I surprised when I found out that Dody *was* Miss Gzptlsnz! I have one complaint, though. Lois doesn't know how to play Scrabble. She used eight letters to spell ZNSLTPZG, when the rules only allow seven. Also, she wasn't using the Scrabble board.

—A *reader* and subscriber,
Barbara *Reader*, New Hyde Park, L.I., N.Y.

(But if Lois had stuck to the rules, she couldn't have tricked Miss G into saying her name backwards!—Ed.)

Send all comments, preferably on a postal card, to LETTERS TO LOIS AND LANA, National Periodical Publications, 575 Lexington Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022. Please include your Zip Code in your return address.

The PART II DOUBLE-CROSSING DEMON
SUDDENLY...
OH-OH! SOMEONE'S COMING ALONG THE BEACH! IT'S LOIS! I MUST SLIP BACK INTO THE BOTTLE!
GOODBYE FOR NOW, LANA!
LOIS MUSTN'T SUSPECT I KNOW ABOUT VITAR! I'LL SEAL THE BOTTLE AND DO A FAST DISAPPEARING ACT!
MOMENTS AFTER LANA DISAPPEARS BENEATH THE WAVES...
I THOUGHT I SAW LANA SNOOPING AROUND, BUT I MUST HAVE BEEN MISTAKEN!
BUCK UP, VITAR! I'M TAKING YOU HOME!
FOR SAFE-KEEPING!
LOIS! IT HAS BEEN SO LONELY HERE!
AS VITAR GOES INTO HIS ACT...
RELEASE ME, FAIR MORTAL, AND MY BLACK MAGIC WILL GRANT YOUR EVERY WISH!
LOIS! BEWARE OF THAT DEMON! HE'S TRYING TO TRICK YOU INTO TAKING HIS PLACE IN THE BOTTLE!
BUT PRESENTLY, ON THE BEACH...
LOOK! IT'S SUPERMAN! YOU REALLY MADE HIM FLIP OVER ME AT THE BALL. HOW ABOUT A REPEAT PERFORMANCE?
ER...NO! HE MUSN'T KNOW I USED MY MAGIC ON HIM!
PRETEND YOU JUST FOUND ME!
DON'T PANIC, SUPERMAN! SOMEHOW, I DON'T BELIEVE THIS LITTLE FELLOW WANTS TO HARM ME!
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I'M TAKING HIM HOME AS A SOUVENIR! HE'LL MAKE A GREAT CONVERSATION PIECE!
PLEASE LISTEN, LOIS! YOU MEAN A LOT TO ME!
THEN WHY THE BIG SMOOCH FOR LANA AT THE AIRFIELD?
ALL RIGHT... DON'T LISTEN! BUT REMEMBER ...YOU ASKED FOR IT!
HA,HA! HE DOESN'T DREAM THAT WITH VITAR'S MAGIC, I COULD MARRY HIM WHENEVER I LIKED!
THAT NIGHT, IN LOIS' APARTMENT...
GOOD NIGHT, VITAR! I'LL LET YOU KNOW TOMORROW WHAT MY NEXT WISH WILL BE!
I LIVE BUT TO SERVE YOU, MY BEAUTIFUL ONE!
LET'S SEE! WHAT SHALL I ASK FOR... BESIDES SUPERMAN?
WHAT A FEELING! I COULD HAVE ALL THE WORLD'S RICHES AT MY COMMAND!
MEANWHILE, WITHIN THE BOTTLE...
MAGIC DEMON... BAH! IF ONLY WISHES COULD COME TRUE!
BUZZZZZZZZ!
OH-OH! THE COMMUNICATOR IN MY TURBAN!
A STARTLING MOMENT LATER...
KANDOR CITY CALLING VITAR! THIS IS YOUR FRIEND, HAP-EL!
I'M STILL UNDECIDED, HAP-EL!
HAVE YOU MADE YOUR CHOICE YET? WHO'S THE LUCKY GIRL? LANA LANG OR LOIS LANE?

YES! THE DEMON COMES FROM THE BOTTLE, ALL RIGHT!...THE BOTTLE OF KANDOR! AS EVERYONE KNOWS, THIS ONCE-MIGHTY CITY OF KRYPTON WAS SHRUNK TO MINUTE SIZE BY THE SPACE-VILLAIN, BRAINIAC. NOW IT RESTS SAFELY IN SUPERMAN'S ARCTIC FORTRESS!

SHORT MONTHS AGO, VITAR AND HAP-EL JOINED THE SUPERMAN EMERGENCY SQUAD IN KANDOR...

OUR TASK IS TO MONITOR THE OUTSIDE WORLD AND TO AID SUPERMAN IF OUR HELP IS NEEDED!

PSST! OUR COMMANDER, DON-EL, REALLY LOOKS LIKE - - - - - - - SUPERMAN!

SURE...THEY'RE RELATED!

A WEEK PASSED, AND THEN...

TIME FOR ACTION, MEN! SUPERMAN IS CAUGHT IN A TRAP MADE OF DEADLY KRYPTONITE!

NOW WE PUT ON OUR JET-BELTS AND FLY TO THE MOUTH OF THE BOTTLE...RIGHT?

MOMENTS LATER...

THIS ENLARGING GAS WILL MAKE US BIG ENOUGH TO BE SEEN IN THE OUTER WORLD!

AND WE'LL GAIN SUPER-POWERS THERE, TOO, WON'T WE?

SOON AFTER, AS THE TINY MEN CAME TO THE RESCUE OF THE MAN OF STEEL...

THAT GREEN K WOULD KILL US, TOO, IF WE GOT TOO CLOSE...SO WE MUST OPERATE FROM A DISTANCE!

AH! OUR COMBINED HEAT VISION HAS SPRUNG THE TRAP OPEN. SUPERMAN IS FREE!

NOW HE CAN DIVE OFF THE LEDGE AND GET OUT OF RANGE OF THE RAYS!

BUT IN THE MONTHS THAT FOLLOWED, VITAR GREW JEALOUS OF HIS HERO...
STRANGE! LOIS AND LANA BOTH WORSHIP SUPERMAN... YET HE REFUSES TO CHOOSE ONE OF THEM AS HIS WIFE!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT! THOSE GORGEOUS GIRLS HAVE EVERYTHING! IF ONLY I HAD HIS CHANCES!
OFTEN VITAR NEGLECTED HIS DUTIES...
SUPERMAN IS DOING FINE! THERE'S NO HARM IN TUNING IN ON LOIS!... ;SIGH!; SHE'S TERRIFIC!
SHE'S DANCING IN THAT GO-GO CHARITY SHOW. WOW! MY GIRL WILL LOVE THIS GROOVY MUSIC I'M TAPING!
THEN, ONE INEVITABLE DAY...
VITAR! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE MONITORING SUPERMAN!
BUT LOIS AND LANA ARE IN HORRIBLE DANGER... THE POOR GIRLS NEED HELP,..AND THAT SO-CALLED HERO IS NO-WHERE IN SIGHT!
CALM DOWN! THERE'S SUPERMAN, NOW... IN THE NICK OF TIME, AS USUAL!
ANOTHER GRANDSTAND PLAY!... ;SIGH!; WHY COULDN'T IT BE ME RESCUING THEM?
AND ONCE, WHEN SUPERMAN VISITED KANDOR...
VITAR, I HEAR YOU'RE CARRYING THE TORCH FOR LOIS AND LANA...
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT, SUPERMAN?
PLENTY! IN THE OUTER WORLD YOU'D BE SUPER LIKE ME... AND MARRYING AN ORDINARY MORTAL WOULD BE A HANDICAP!
I GET IT! YOU DON'T WANT COMPETITION! ARE YOU AFRAID TO GIVE SOMEONE ELSE A CHANCE WITH THE GIRLS?
THEY'RE FREE TO MARRY ANYONE THEY CHOOSE!
BUT THEY WON'T CHOOSE VITAR! HE CAN'T LEAVE KANDOR WITHOUT DON-EL'S OKAY!

THEN, ONE DAY...
SO YOU'RE GETTING MARRIED, HAP-EL! HOW I ENVY YOU!
STILL MOONING ABOUT LOIS AND LANA, VITAR? WHY NOT SNEAK INTO THE OUTER WORLD AND FIND OUT WHICH ONE YOU REALLY LOVE?
LEAVE KANDOR? BUT I'D STILL BE INSECT-SIZE! EVEN THOUGH I BECAME SUPER, LOIS AND LANA WOULD LAUGH AT A TOM THUMB SUITOR!
HAP-EL AND I HAVE TALKED ABOUT YOUR PROBLEM. THE CHEMISTRY LAB WHERE I WORK HAS DEVELOPED AN IMPROVED ENLARGING GAS!
LOOK WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I SPRAY YOU WITH IT!
WHOOSH
I'M GROWING TO GIGANTIC SIZE! QUICK, DO SOMETHING, BEFORE I OUT-GROW OUR BOTTLE WORLD AND WRECK KANDOR!
RELAX! ANOTHER PUFF OF THIS CHEMICAL MIST AND YOU'LL SHRINK TO NORMAL KANDORIAN SIZE!
IN THE NEXT MOMENT...
YIIII!
MOONS OF KRYPTON! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
A SIMPLE MATTER OF NUCLEONIC CHEMISTRY, HAP-EL, DEAR. THE REACTION OF A RARE ARTIFICIAL ELEMENT!
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KEEP THIS ENLARGING SPRAY, VITAR! USE IT TO BECOME A FULL-SIZED HUMAN IN THE OUTER WORLD!
THANKS!
AND I HAVE A FEW IDEAS...TO HELP YOU CHOOSE BETWEEN LOIS AND LANA!
NEXT DAY, JUST OUTSIDE KANDOR...
YOUR DISGUISE IS PERFECT, VITAR. AND THE "DEMON IN THE BOTTLE" ACT WILL TIE RIGHT IN WITH THE OLD EARTH LEGENDS!
GOOD-BYE, HAP-EL. THE ROCKET-SHIP IS WAITING!
AS VITAR EMERGES INTO SUPERMAN'S FORTRESS...
OH-OH! SUPERMAN SPOTTED ME!
NO! A FALSE ALARM! IT'S JUST A COUPLE OF HIS ROBOTS! ... SUPERMAN'S AWAY ON ANOTHER WORLD!
MOMENTS LATER, A WEIRD SPIRAL-NOSED CRAFT HURTLES UPWARD...
WHIRRRRRR
THE EMERGENCY SQUAD DOESN'T KNOW I BORROWED THEIR NEW EXPERIMENTAL ROTO-BORE ROCKET. IT'S DESIGNED TO PIERCE THE CORK OF OUR BOTTLE AND THEN CLOSE IT AGAIN WITH A SELF-SEALING CHEMICAL!
PRESENTLY, AFTER HIDING THE ROCKET...
AN EMERGENCY SQUAD BULLETIN SAID SUPERMAN WOULD BE AWAY FOR DAYS. TILL THEN, I CAN USE THE EQUIPMENT IN HIS FORTRESS FOR MY SCHEME...
WHEN I RETURN, LOIS OR LANA WILL BE WITH ME!
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SO NOW THAT WE'VE BROUGHT YOU UP TO DATE, LET'S GO BACK TO THE PHONEY DEMON IN THE BOTTLE...
GOODBYE FOR NOW, HAP-EL. I'M GOING TO SLEEP. I'LL LET YOU KNOW WHEN I DECIDE WHICH GIRL I'LL MARRY!
NEXT DAY, VITAR GETS A SURPRISE...
WHY THAT COSTUME, LOIS?
YOU MAY NOT KNOW IT, VITAR, BUT I'M A VOLUNTEER NURSE AT METROPOLIS HOSPITAL. I'M ON DUTY TODAY!
BUT I'M TAKING YOU ALONG IN THIS TOTE BAG... SO YOU WON'T BE LONELY!
BUT REALLY BECAUSE HE'S TOO VALUABLE TO LEAVE UNGUARDED!
ULP!! WHAT I HAVE TO GO THROUGH TO PICK A BRIDE!
BUT AT THE HOSPITAL...
LANA! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE IN THAT GET-UP?
MY TV STATION IS DOING A DOCUMENTARY ON THERAPY FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN... I WANGLED A FEATURE ROLE... A FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE BIT!
SAY, I WAS LOOKING AT THIS PERFUME DISPLAY IN THE HOSPITAL GIFT SHOP. ER... WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO HAVE A BOTTLE OF BLACK MAGIC?
ULP!! I'M GETTING THE NEEDLE! THAT FOXY RED-HEAD KNOWS SOMETHING!
Black Magic
ANYTHING WRONG, LOIS, DEAR? YOU SEEM UPSET.
SEE YOU LATER. THEY'RE SETTING UP THE CAMERAS IN THE THERAPY GYM!
GRRR! SHE HAS SOMETHING UP HER SLEEVE, AND I'LL BET IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH VITAR! I'LL CHECK!

SOON, IN A NEARBY STORAGE CLOSET...
ME HELP LANA? LANA WHO? ER.., I NEVER HEARD THE NAME BEFORE IN MY LIFE!
A LIKELY STORY! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE A MAGIC DEMON WHO SEES ALL AND KNOWS ALL!
WELL, THERE SHE IS.. LANA LANG, THE MINX WHO'S TRYING TO GRAB SUPERMAN AWAY FROM ME!
HMM... SHE'S SETTING UP THE TV EQUIPMENT NEAR THE THERAPY POOL! WHAT AN OPPORTUNITY!
SO YOU NEVER HEARD OF LANA?... ALL RIGHT.., I'LL TEST YOU. USE YOUR MAGIC TO DUNK HER IN THAT POOL!
B-BUT LOIS..I CAN'T! I'M FORBIDDEN TO HARM ANYONE WITH MY POWERS!
CHICKEN! OKAY, I'LL PARK YOU HERE IN BACK OF THIS STORAGE SHELF. I MUST CHECK IN FOR DUTY.
HE WON'T SQUEAL! MAYBE I CAN WORM THE TRUTH OUT OF LANA!
BUT MOMENTS LATER...
LANA, WATCH OUT!
BOFF!
OH, NO! THAT CAMERA BOOM KNOCKED HER COLD! SHE'LL DROWN, UNLESS...
MEANWHILE, VITAR HAS BEEN OBSERVING FROM THE BOTTLE...
LOIS.., LANA.., MY BELOVED ONES ARE IN DANGER. THEY NEED HELP! THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY!

WITHIN SPLIT-SECONDS, A HEROIC FIGURE STREAKS TO THE RESCUE...
STAND BACK! I'LL HANDLE THIS!
IT'S SUPERMAN!
THEN...
KEEP CALM, GIRLS! EVERYTHING'S UNDER CONTROL!
THANKS! TAKE US SOME PLACE WHERE WE CAN DRY OFF!
THANK HEAVENS LANA SEEMS TO BE OKAY!
OOH! WHAT HAPPENED?
BUT SHORTLY, IN A NEARBY LINEN ROOM...
LOOK, LANA! AM I SEEING DOUBLE? TWO SUPERMEN!
WRONG, LOIS! THERE'S ONLY ONE MAN OF STEEL! ALLOW ME TO DEMONSTRATE!
I'LL USE MY HEAT VISION TO MELT THE RUBBER MASK FROM HIS FACE!
GASP!! AN IMPOSTOR! BUT WHO IS HE?
IT'S VITAR!
THE DEMON OF THE BOTTLE!
HIS NAME IS VITAR, ALL RIGHT, BUT HE'S FROM THE BOTTLE OF KANDOR! HE'S BEEN CONNING YOU BOTH WHILE I WAS AWAY FROM EARTH!
AS THE SHOCKING STORY IS TOLD...
... SO VITAR USED HIS SUPER-POWERS TO MAKE YOU BELIEVE HE WAS A MAGIC DEMON!
IT'S TRUE!... AND THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME I WORE MY EMERGENCY SQUAD COSTUME TO IMPERSONATE SUPERMAN!
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LOIS, IT WAS I WHO PUT ON THAT RUSH ACT TO MAKE YOU THE BELLE OF THE BALL!
AND, LANA... I WAS THE FALSE SUPERMAN WHO ACCEPTED YOUR SUPER-COSTUME GIFTS!
THEY CAME FROM KANDOR AND BECAME INDESTRUCTIBLE IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD!
I ACTED FOOLISHLY... BECAUSE I'M IN LOVE WITH BOTH OF YOU! I WAS TRYING TO DECIDE WHICH ONE OF YOU I WANTED TO MARRY!
BUT THE GIRL WHO MARRIES YOU WILL HAVE TO LIVE IN TINY KANDOR!
YES! MY BRIDE WOULD BE SHRUNKEN TO MINUTE SIZE... AND IN THE BOTTLE I'D HAVE NO POWERS.
BUT I'D SPEND MY LIFE TRYING TO MAKE HER HAPPY!
HMM...
LANA... ARE YOU THINKING WHAT I'M THINKING?
LOIS, YOU'RE A MIND-READER!... WHAT CAN WE LOSE? LET'S DO IT!
PRESENTLY... SUPERMAN, DEAR, WE'VE ALWAYS HOPED THAT ONE OF US WOULD BECOME YOUR WIFE! BUT MAYBE IT'S NOT IN THE CARDS!
SO WE'RE GIVING VITAR A CHANCE! WE'LL GO TO KANDOR WITH HIM!

WE'LL GET TO LEARN WHAT YOU'RE REALLY LIKE IN YOUR OWN ENVIRONMENT!
AND PERHAPS ONE OF US MAY LEARN TO LOVE YOU...AND MARRY YOU, VITAR!
YOU WON'T BE SORRY, I SWEAR IT!

IN THE WEEKS THAT FOLLOW...
THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT GIRLS IN MY LIFE! DID I MAKE A MISTAKE IN LETTING THEM GO?
WHO KNOWS HOW THIS MAY AFFECT MY CAREER?

DAYS LATER, AT THE FORTRESS, AFTER THE GIRLS HAVE SAID FAREWELL TO THEIR FRIENDS...
VITAR'S SIZE-ADJUSTING SPRAY IS EXHAUSTED, SO I'LL USE MY SHRINKING RAY TO REDUCE YOU TO KANDORIAN PROPORTIONS!
THANKS, SUPERMAN! THE ROTO-BORE ROCKET IS WAITING!

AND DOWN IN TINY KANDOR...
LOIS, SOMEHOW, I KNOW SUPERMAN IS UP THERE, OBSERVING US!
YES, LANA, I CAN ALMOST FEEL HIS EYES WATCHING!
DID WE MAKE A MISTAKE BY COMING TO KANDOR? SIGH!! OUR LIVES MAY BE CHANGED FOREVER!
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THE END

COULD BE! WE'LL FIND OUT FOR SURE WHEN WE REJOIN OUR GALS IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF LOIS LANE!

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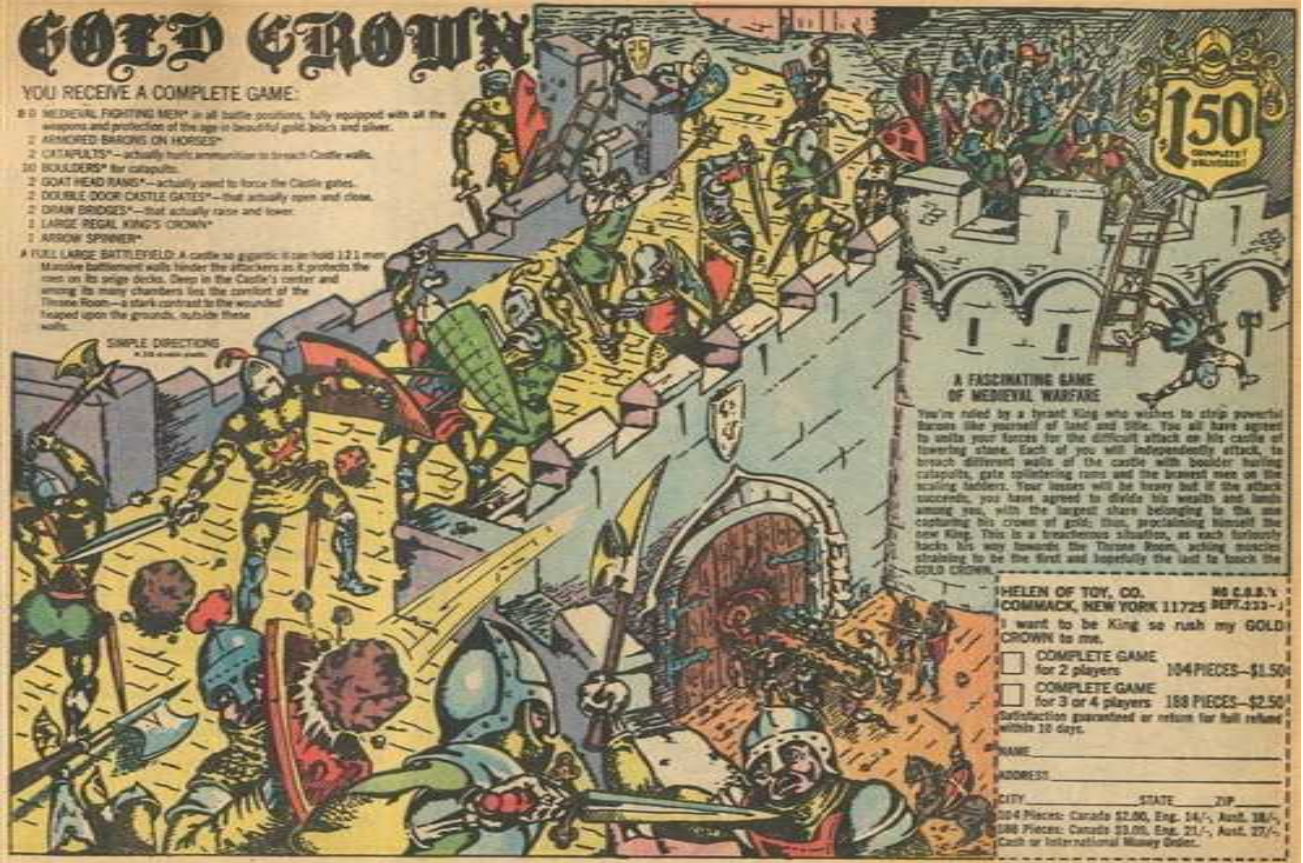

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